Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for one's fellow man; and,

Whereas, Murray Rowe operated Bid-Well Corporation, located in Canton, South Dakota, and developed and marketed a new design bridge deck paver which revolutionized concrete bridge deck paving in the interstate era; and,

Whereas, Murray helped in the family business, which included his father and grandfather, as early as age 10 and his career evolved into 43 years with the company that is today known across the country and internationally as the Bid-Well Division of Terex Corporation; and,

Whereas, Murray Rowe has been chosen as one of the "Top 100 Private Sector Transportation Design and Construction Professionals of the 20th Century" by the American Road and Transportation Builders Association; and,

Whereas, Murray has served as Chairman of the Midwest Board of the American Concrete Pipe Association, Chairman of the Equipment Division of the American Concrete Pipe Association, served two terms on the Space Allocation Committee of the World of Concrete Exposition, and as a board member of the South Dakota Industry and Commerce Association. He has also been an active member of the Canton Rotary Club, the Canton Lutheran Church, and the Board of Directors of the Ramkota Companies; and,

Whereas, Murray Rowe has devoted his life to the betterment of his community, the caring and sharing with family and friends, and the day-to-day giving and loving which make South Dakota a great state in which to live and work; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan on this momentous occasion:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 21, 2004, as

MURRAY ROWE DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State